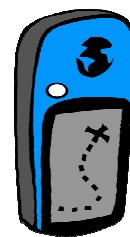


# Geocaching

## What is it?

Geocaching is a popular, fast-growing outdoor activity embraced by people of all ages and abilities from avid hikers to families with young children. Players use a Global Positioning System (GPS), Smartphones, or other mobile devices to find hidden containers (geocaches) or designated landmarks, sign their logbooks, and then share their experiences online.



## Are there any Geocaches in Enfield?

According to Geocaching.com there are almost 1,500 geocaches within a 15 mile radius of Enfield.

## How do you Geocache?

- Register for a free basic membership on Geocaching.com
- Visit the "Hide & Seek a Cache" page
- Enter your postal code and click "search"
- Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name
- Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device or GPS equipped mobile device
- Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache
- Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.

## What are the Rules of Geocaching?

- If you take something from the geocache (or "cache"), leave something of equal or greater value
- Sign the cache logbook
- Log your experience at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

## Popular Geocaching Areas in Enfield:

Trails along the Scantic River  
Brainerd Park  
Asnuntuck Community College  
Powder Hollow Park

## Geocaching Apps?

Geocaching apps are available on the iPhone, Android, and Windows Phone 7 marketplace

## What do I need to go Geocaching?

- GPS Device or GPS Enabled Mobile Phone so that you can navigate the cache.



## Where can I Find a Geocache?

Geocaches can be found all over the world. It is common for geocachers to hide caches in locations that are important to them, reflecting a special interest or skill of the cache owner. These locations can be quite diverse. They may be at your local park, at the end of a long hike, underwater or on the side of a city street.

## Who hides Geocaches?

Members of the geocaching community hide and maintain all of the geocaches. You can hide one too! Make sure your GPS coordinates are accurate, other geocachers will be looking for your cache! If you do hide a cache, make sure to post it online so others can find it.



## Basic Geocaching Vocabulary

**Cache** – A waterproof container that has been hidden by a fellow geocacher, who has posted the GPS coordinates on a website, such as geocaching.com.

**Coordinates** – A set of numbers that describe your exact location on the earth's surface. Latitude/longitude (lat/long) coordinates are the most typical lines of reference.

**Earthcache** – These virtual caches provide Earth science lessons for middle school students. A cache is not hidden, the coordinates of an earthcache mark the location of a significant formation or landscape.

**EcoCache** – A 'green' variation of a cache. Placed by geocachers at environmentally significant locations, an EcoCache site helps raise awareness of the role humans play in restoring, preserving and sharing the environment.

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